

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application and the allowance of claims 13-17.

The Office Action, however, has tentatively rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §101, alleging that these claims are directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant disagrees. However, to advance the issuance of the allowed claims, and in reliance on the Examiner's allowance of these claims, Applicant cancels claims 1-12. This cancellation is made without prejudice or disclaimer of Applicant's right to pursue these claims in a continuing application.

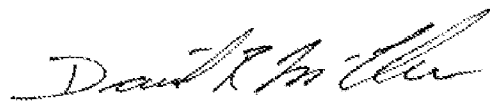
As claims 1-12 have been cancelled, the rejections of these claims have been rendered moot and this application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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